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THIS WEEKLY REVIEW IS SUBMITTED EARLY BECAUSE OF CHINESE
NEW YEAR.

SUMMARY. IN ITS FIRST EDITORIAL PRONOUNCEMENT, THE NEW
REGIME LEADERSHIP, AS EXPECTED, MADE ITS FIRST PRIORITY
MORE DICTATORSHIP AND AN END TO THE SOCIAL DISORDERS WHICH
Arose IN LAST YEAR'S POLITICAL MOVEMENT AND WHICH ARE OBSTRUCT-
ING A FASTER PACE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
PEKING APPROVED OF BETTER U.S - PAKISTAN RELATIONS WHILE
EGGING ON TROUBLES IN JAPANESE-SOVIET RELATIONS. PEKING
ALSO GAVE GREAT ATTENTION AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE DAKAR
CONFERENCE OF DEVELOPMING COUNTRIES ON RAW MATERIALS. END
SUMMARY.

1. FOCUS ON DICTATORSHIP

THE FIRST EDITORIAL BY THE NEW POST-NPC LEADERSHIP (PEOPLE'S
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DAILY FEBRUARY 9) CONFIRMS INDICATIONS THAT THE REGIME'S
TOP PRIORITY IS TO SUPPRESS DISSENT AND THGHTEN DISCIPLINE
OVER THE FACTIONAL, WORKER, AND YOUTH ELEMENTS WHO GOT OUT
OF HAND DURING LAST YEAR'S CAMPAIGN TO CRITICIZE LIN PIAO
AND CONFUCIUS (HK 1479). CITING A "RECENT/ INSTRUCTION
BY CHAIRMAN MOA, THE DITORIAL STATED BLUNTLY THAT THE "KEY"
TO UNDERSTANDING THE 4TH NPC WAS THE ISSUE OF THE DICTATORSHIP
OF THE PROLETARIAT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. THE EDITORIAL CAPS ARTICLES IN FEBRUARY 'S RED

FLAG (HK 1464; WR 6) DEMANDING AN END TO SOCIAL DISORDERS AND MORE VIGILANCE AGAINST " CLASS ENEMIES MAKING USE OF THE SLOGAN OF DEMOCRADY TO UNDERMINE THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY AND THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROELTARIAT" --- A FAR CRY FROM LAST YEAR'S LEFTIST CALL SFOR MASS AGITATION AND THE THROWING OFF OF SUPPRESSION. ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE INTENT TO PUT DISSENT ON A TIGHT LEASH WAS NCNA'S HANDLING OF THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF THE FAMOUS PEKING-HANKOW STRIKE IN THE 1930'S (NCNA FEBRUARY 7). THE MPHASIS WAS ON THE WORKERS' OBEYING THE PARTY AND OBSERVING UNIFIED DISCIPLINE, AND NO MENTION WAS MADE OF THE RIGHT TO STRIKE IN THE NEW CHINESE CONSTITUTION, A CLAUSE REPORTED BY CHANG CHUN-CHIAO TO HAVE BEEN INSERTED PERSONALLY BY CHAIRMAN MAO. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

3. THE ECONOMIC FACTOR

THE FEBRUARY 9 EDITORIAL ON DICTATORSHIP INDICATES THAT THE REGIME'S CONCERN TO SUPPRESS DISSENT IS A MAJOR COMPENENT OF ITS CURRENT ECONOMIC DRIVE. PROVINCIAL RADIO BORADCASTS CONTINUE TO BEAT OUT IMPRESSIVE PRODUCTION STATISTICS FOR JANUARY AND TO CITE THE ACCOMPLISHMTS OF THE CURRENT PUSH ON AGRICULTURAL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION. AS ADDED ENCOURAGEMENT, NCNA HAS STEPPED UP REPORTS ON TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENTS, INCLUDING THEDEVELOPMENT OF A SMALL EXPERIMENTAL DEVICE FOR CONTROLLED THERMONUCLEAR FUSION RESEARCH AND THE COMPLETION OF THE LARGEST POWER TRANSMISSION PROJECT IN CHINA'S HISTORY (NCNA FEBRUARY 4, 5). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

4. THE PLA

THE FILING OF TOP PLA LEADERSHIP SLOTS (WR 6) UNDERSCORES THE ABSENCE IN RECENT MOTHS OF FIRST DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF CHANG
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TSAI -CHEN AND FIRST DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE GENERAL POLITICIAL DEPARTMENT TIEN WEI-HSIN. THE ABSENCE OF CHANG, WHOSE LAST PUBLIC APPEARANCE WAS NOVEMBER 29, 1974, REINFORCES REPORTS (1974 PEKING 2303) THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY NEWLY- APPOINTED DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF YANG CHENG-WU. LIMITED OFFICAL USE

5. EARTHQUAKE

A SERIOUS EARTHQUAKE OCCURRED ON THE INDUSTRIALLY IMPORTANT LUTA PENINSULA IN NORTHEAST CHINA FEBRUARY 4. PEKING ISSUED ITS STANDARD DISASTER MESSAGE, EXPRESSIN SOLICITUDE BUT GIVING NO CLUE TO THE EXTENT OF DAMAGE. UNCLASSIFIED

6. U.S. -SOUTH ASIA

WHILE PEKING IS CAUSING SPECULATION ABOUT THE APPLICATION
OF PING-PONG DIPLOMACY TO SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS, AN NCNA
(FEBRUARY 8) REPORT ON THE BHUTTO-FORD TALKS NOTED THAT THE
PRESIDENT HAS REITERATED U.S. SUPPORT FOR PAKISTAN AND IS
GIVING "ACTIVE CONSIDERATIONS" TO DROPPING THE POST - 1965
EMBARGO ON ARMS SALES TO PAKISTAN.. INDICATIVE OF PRC
DISPLEASURE WITH THE CURRENT U.S. POLICY, THE BRIEF NEWS
ITEM CITED A WASHINGTON STAR -NEWS EDITORIAL WHICH CONTENDS
THAT , RATHER THAN BEING AN EVEN-HANDED POLICY, THE U.S.
EMBARGO FAILED TO "SERIOUSLY HAMPER" DELHI'S PROCUREMENT
OF SOVIET ARMS (DELHI 1767). CONFIDENTIAL

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7. SINO-JAPAN-SOVIET

THE HAM-HANDED ATTEMPT BY MOSCOW'S AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO TO SLOW THE PACE OF SINO-JAPANESE PEACE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS (TOKYO 1545) SERVED AS A PEG FOR AN ANTI-SOVIET TIRADE BY A COLOMINST IN THE PRC -OWNED HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO. THE COLUMNIST POINTED OUT THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S "UNREASONABLE APPROACH" TO A JAPANESE " TOP BRASS" WITH THE CLAIM THAT A TREATY WITH CHINA MIGHT ADVERSLY AFFECT MOSCOW-TOKYO REALTIONS STEMS FROM FEAR THAT A SINO-JAPANESE PEACE TREATY WILL PROVIDE GREATER EXPOSURE TO THE SOVIETS' "UNJUSTIFIABLE" OCCUPATION OF JAPAN'S NORTHER TERRITORIES. THE COLUMNIST THEN COMPARED THE SLOW PACE OF SOVIET -JAPANESE RELATIONS SINCE 1956 WITH RAPIDLY- DEVELOPING SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS THE PAST TWO YEARS AND ALSO APPROVINGLY MENTIONED PRIME MINISTER MIKI'S OPPOSITION TO PRO-TAIPEI PRESSURE FOR DROPPING THE WORD "PEACE" FROM THE PROPOSED SINO-JAPANESE TREATY. "SOVIET REVISIONISM AND CHIANG KAI -SHEK" WERE ACCUSED OF "GANGING UP ON JAPAN" IN AN ATTEMPT TO "SWAY THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES". NCNA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE ISSUE WAS A FEBRUARY 6 ARTICLE WHICH DID NOT MENTION THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S ACTIONS BUT CONDEMNED THE SOVIETS ON THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE AND PRAISED FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA FOR STANDING UP TO "GROMYKO'S BULLYING" DURING HIS RECENT MOSCOW VISIT.
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8.DAKAR CONFERENCE ON RAW MATERIALS

IN KEEPING WITH CINA'S SELF-PROCLAIMED STATUS AS A LEADER
OF THE THIRD WORLD, PRC MEDIA HAS DEVELTED CONSIDERABLE
ATTENTION TO THE DAKAR CONFERENCE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
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ON RAW MATERIALS ALTHOUGH PEKING WAS NOT A PARTICIPANT.
AN NCNA CORRESPONDENT'S ARTICLE FEBUARY 6 PREDICTABLY
VIEWED THE PROBLEM IN TERMS OF SUPERPOWERS VS THE THIRD WORLD
WITH THE US AND THE USSR AS THE "BIGGEST INTERNATIONAL
EXPLOITERS AND OPPRESSORS". (HOWEVER, HITTING HARDER AT
MOSCOW ACTIVITIES, NCNA FOLLOWED UP ON FEBUARY 8
WITH AN ARTICLE CONDEMNING INTENSIFIED SOVIET EXPLOITATION
AND PLUNDER OF BULGARIA AND OTHER CEMA MEMBERS). THE
CORRESPONDENT CHARGED THAT VIA US MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES
AND THE SOVIETS' DEMANDS FOR REPAYMENT OF MILITARY AID AND
LOANS, THE SUPERPOWERS HAVE CAUSED PRIMARY PROEUCT PRICES
TO REMAIN LOW WHILE THOSE OF MANUFACTURED GOODS INCREASED
RAPIDLY. THE ARTICLE REVIEWD FAVORABLY THE USE OF OIL AS
A WEAPON AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS,
AND ENDED WITH THE STANDARD CALL FOR GREATER "UNITY" IN ORDER
TO CHANGE THE "OLD WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER". (NCNA, FEBRUARY 4-8).
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